

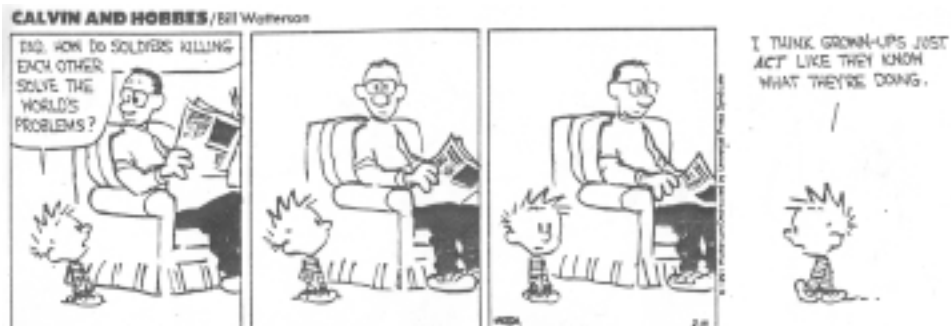
# AWOL

YOUTH FOR PEACE AND REVOLUTION

**MILITARY  
OUT OF OUR SCHOOLS  
NOW!**



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## EDITOR'S NOTE

What's up, all you conscientious kids out there?! Welcome to the third riotous issue of AWOL. We've heard that the good stuff always comes in threes, now here's the proof! Oh yeah!!! To give a little background on our intent, struggle, and purpose; AWOL is created and inspired by a youth organization called S.C.R.E.A.M. (Student Coalition Resisting Enlistment And Militarism) started 2 years ago. S.C.R.E.A.M. is a by-youth, for-youth activist network dedicated to educating ourselves and our peers about the realities of military life and its presence in our schools and communities.

CCCCO stands for the Central Committee for Conscientious Objectors. This year marks its 50th anniversary of providing support, counseling, and information to soldiers, COs, peace activists, military resisters, and anyone else concerned about their rights and resistance to war.

It's not always so easy to conceive what the controlling power has up its sleeve, especially when it has our future, \$\$\$, and impressionable minds in its agenda. That's why an open forum for youth to express their opinions, viewpoints, frustrations, and fears is so important. There's nothing more empowering than putting differences aside and coming together with hopes and ideas to end inflicting oppressions. AWOL is a nonprofit, uncensored, liberating publication that is free for all and free of government & corporate control. Doesn't seem to be much else around that can say the same.

In the newly archaic tradition of zines, AWOL is dedicated to providing information, support, and solidarity to those kindred spirits out there who realize society's gains don't seem to represent the needs. It kindles the unifying fire in us all that doesn't buy into the hype of our materialistically violent society and solders us together to ensure the dismantling of our exploitation. The vile hypocrisy of war and violence is constantly bombarding our lives through relentless propaganda. It's supposed to leave us desensitized, blind, mute, and passive. In a world so threatened by greed and war, let's all choose a life dedicated to the perseverance of peace and freedom. So now's the time to get loud, get vocal, get busy, get focused, and get ready!!! We've been involuntarily recruited into helping the gears, wheels, and deals of the war machine turn...

It's time to go AWOL!!!!

Strength & Solidarity,

Jenessa Paige

## **RESISTING MILITARISM: MILITARY OUT OF OUR SCHOOLS NOW!!!**

With such catchy slogans as "Be All You Can Be", "Aim High", and "The Few, The Proud", it is no wonder that American youth are so easily led to believe the military provides an exciting alternative to the pressures and responsibilities reality places on their minds. With the increasing presence of the Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps in high schools and junior highs across the country, the military promotes misleading propaganda about college dough and heroic deeds to a captive audience. JROTC has proved itself to be too likely to promote violence, discrimination, and non-questioning indoctrination. It's too expensive, controlled entirely by Washington, and marches pretty far from any goal of creating critical thinking students in gun-free schools. It's time to rid the schools of the military and educate other kids to KICK JROTC OUT FOR GOOD!

In 1992, after "Operation Desert Storm", the LA uprising, heavy lobbying, and the "war on drugs" misconception by our old fiend (oops, I mean friend), Mr. George Bush, Congress decided to more than double the appropriations for JROTC, thereby expanding enrollment to over 175,000 cadets in Army JROTC. Twenty five hundred high schools pay for JROTC military training programs. Every branch of service has a program, but the Army has the largest with 1,252 of the total 2,267 JROTC units nationwide. Each unit cost districts about \$50,000 per

school and often requires expensive modification to school facilities. That means JROTC drains resources from constructive programs, such as arts and music. Why the hell should school boards around the country be subsidizing the Pentagon with tens of thousands of dollars each year to spread militarism, violence, teach history from a racist, imperialist point of view, and promote misogyny and discrimination? How can that be right when so many schools have to go without adequate or updated textbooks, have crumbling facilities, violent and dangerous learning environments, and so many arts and cultural courses get canceled due to budget cuts? Some JROTC programs even teach marksmanship, bringing actual guns into schools and showing kids how to use them; in other words, teaching that violence is acceptable.

All around the nation there have been cases of JROTC promoting violence, gangs, and guns. In Detroit, a student shot another student in the hall of the school on the orders of the student gang (and JROTC) leader.<sup>1</sup> In Arizona, a camouflage-clad JROTC student murdered 9 Buddhist monks.<sup>2</sup> In South San Diego County, JROTC students dressed in camo fatigues led "war games" in which they attacked and robbed immigrants coming across the border from Mexico.<sup>3</sup> Other cases of assault, violent hazing rituals, crime-sprees, and brutality are abun-

dant. Military training is designed to dehumanize soldiers so that they will kill on command, without questioning orders.<sup>4</sup> The JROTC curriculum adopts these traits, encouraging obedience without question.<sup>5</sup> Some may argue that JROTC guarantees discipline, but there's nothing disciplined about unnecessary violence, harassment, and desensitized programming.

JROTC is also well known for its racism, misogyny, and homophobia. Fifty-four percent of its participants are youth of color. JROTC, like the military as a whole, targets poor people of color for recruitment because it knows that they are the most vulnerable to the military's false recruiting promises -college money and job training that would supposedly provide a way out of poor communities. Then, once enlisted, the military offers people of color nothing but a chance to aid in murdering other people of color worldwide and to face rampant racial discrimination and harassment in the ranks. Since the military hates people of color, it has no problem using them as cannon fodder; half the military's frontline troops are people of color. According to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, while 32% of enlisted personnel in 1992 were people of color, only 13% of officers were people of color. It's quite obvious where gay, lesbian, bisexual, and Trans folk stand in the military-way in the back of the closet. Gay instructors and barred from being JROTC instructors, just as gay people are barred from being out in the military. Gay-baiting in

JROTC occurs frequently; military homophobia gives great weight to the threat of being accused of being a homosexual. Under Don't Ask Don't Tell, gays in the military are routinely harassed and abused, subject to witch hunts, and discriminated against.

The military uses the same strategy to recruit young women into the military that it uses to recruit people of color - covering up the brutal reality of violence and oppression for women in the military with specially targeted recruiting propaganda, assuring women that the military is more about equal opportunity than Third world takeovers. Almost all of the female JROTC recruits I have encountered have been sexually harassed, cornered, asked for sexual favors, or even been forcibly held down against their will. A former recruit described getting her ass grabbed as the group came into line formation. Since her reaction made her jump, causing a disturbance in the line, she was made to do 100 push-ups as punishment. The military uses rape as a weapon of war against women everywhere from JROTC units to military invasions in other countries. In this country, women in the military are sexually assaulted at a rate 20 times higher than other female government employees, and domestic violence in the military occurs at 2-3 times the rate of civilian society. A survey done in 1995 found that 90% of recent female veterans reported sexual harassment at the work place. That's almost three times the harassment reported by women in civilian jobs; not to mention all the



instances that go unreported due to promotion and discharge threats.

Now, the Pentagon regulates JROTC curriculum, textbooks, and course content. I don't know about you, but the thought of having a mini-Pentagon in schools across America sounds pretty scary to me. In Georgia at Decatur High School, sophomores are automatically enrolled in JROTC unless a parent writes a note asking if their child can take a different elective.<sup>6</sup> The classes are normally taught by retired officers who don't have to be (and generally aren't) certified, yet are often paid higher net salaries than instructors who meet District qualification standards. So not only are JROTC instructors paid more, but also they're not qualified to teach the academic subjects the program claims to teach (such as citizenship and history)! A frustrated parent and JROTC opponent Steve Guthrie puts it like this: "If these people were other than ROTC people, they wouldn't be allowed to set foot in a classroom. The only thing that qualifies them is that they retired from the military". Well, it ain't the first military job that entitles someone to sell lies and indoctrination for a good price...but why should we as students and tax payers have to pay for it?!

1 Detroit News; 9/28/94

2 Morning Call 5/17/93

3 LA Times: 2/24/90, 4/26/90, 10/3/90

4 Grossman, Dave, Lt. Col.; On Killing: The Psychological Cost of Learning to Kill in War and Society. Little, Brown. 1995.

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## RECRUITING

The military spends \$1.9 billion each year on recruiting and has years and years of sub/conscious propaganda. The Army alone spends about \$71.3 million annually. The same people who do ads for PEPSI do the ads you see for the Armed Forces. In the early nineties, in an effort to increase positive interest in the military, the military made a decision to remove all actual footage of war or combat from their recruiting advertisements. That's why the military TV ads look like summer-camp- they sure aren't pictures of the military. All of these things are aimed and fired at kids born into this militaristic society and taught to accept the military as a given- no wonder kids fall prey to the hype.

A recruiter's job is to sell the military as an image of opportunity, not to provide both sides of the issue or factual, accurate information. All salespeople have a quota to meet, that means recruiters got to set the right bait and sling the right slogans to get as many eager recruits as possible. Army Col. Daniel Smith states it best, "What this (JROTC) is, boiled down to its basics, is just a tool aimed at recruiting young people for (armed) service."

The most common selling hook is \$\$\$ for college. According to the Army Times, the military actually took \$720 million more from GIs in nonrefundable deposits between 1986 and 1993 than they paid out in college benefits. The GI Bill itself is misleadingly advertised. Enlistees have to pay a non-

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# Student Coalition Resisting Enlistment and Militarism

BY SARAH DIRKS

A LOT OF TIMES WHEN I AM TALKING TO RECRUITERS OR JROTC CADETS OR OTHER MEMBERS OF THE MILITARY, THEY ASK HOW I CAN POSSIBLY BE OPPOSED TO THE MILITARY BECAUSE IT HAS “DONE SO MUCH” FOR THEM AND THEIR FAMILIES. IT’S AN EASY ANSWER TO GIVE; THE MILITARY’S ALWAYS BEEN PRESENT IN MY LIFE AS AN AGENT OF DESTRUCTION. I AM THE DAUGHTER OF A VIET NAM VETERAN, AND THE GRANDDAUGHTER OF A WWII AND KOREAN WAR VETERAN. WHEN I WAS LITTLE, I IDENTIFIED THE MILITARY WITH THE VETERANS I KNEW- THE HOMELESS VET ON THE CORNER WHO BEGGED FOR CHANGE AND SLEPT IN THE PARK, THE MAN WHO FREAKED OUT AT A FAMILY REUNION WHEN A CAR BACKFIRED BECAUSE HE THOUGHT IT WAS A MACHINE GUN AIMED AT HIS BODY, AND THE GUY WHO WAS KNOWN FOR BEATING HIS WIFE WHEN HE WAS DRUNK. I KNEW THAT ON VETERAN’S DAY, YOU WERE SUPPOSED TO VISIT A CEMETERY. WHEN I GOT OLDER, I KNEW WHAT THE MILITARY WAS WHEN A FRIEND OF MINE JOINED UP BECAUSE HE HAD NO OTHER “OPTION” TO FUND HIS COLLEGE EDUCATION. A YEAR LATER, HE WOULD CALL ME ON THE PHONE LATE AT NIGHT TO TALK ABOUT SHOOTING HIS FOOT OFF AS HIS ONLY “OPTION” FOR GETTING OUT OF THE MILITARY THAT WAS DESTROYING HIM.

BY THE SUMMER OF 1996, WHEN I CAME TO WORK AT CCCO AS A FREEMAN-BRISTOL IN-

TERN, THE CONNECTIONS BETWEEN FEMINISM AND MILITARISM HAD BECOME CRYSTAL CLEAR TO ME. BY WORKING AS A VOLUNTEER WITH WOMEN WHO HAD BEEN BATTERED BY MEN, I HAD COME TO SEE MEN WHO BATTER, RAPE AND TERRORIZE WOMEN AS PART OF THE SAME PATTERN OF OPPRESSION AS THE VIOLENCE OF MILITARISM. I KNEW THAT EVERY TIME A MAN SAID, “DON’T MAKE ME HIT YOU” IT WAS THE SAME AS THE U.S. GOVERNMENT TELLING

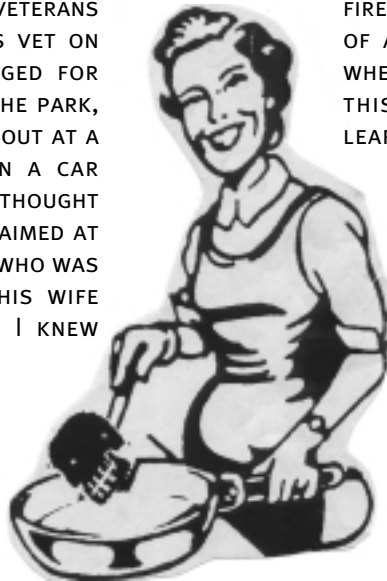
US IT HAD BEEN “FORCED TO FIRE” ON THOSE IT WAS AFRAID OF AND WANTED TO CONTROL, WHETHER INSIDE OR OUTSIDE OF THIS COUNTRY’S BORDERS. I LEARNED THAT THE WORK TO

ELIMINATE MILITARISM FROM THIS WORLD IS ESSENTIAL TO THE SURVIVAL OF ALL OF US, BECAUSE AS THE MILITARY SLOWLY DESTROYS MORAL AND MORE LIFE, THE CHAIN THAT HOLDS LIFE TOGETHER BEGINS TO FALL APART.

AS A RESULT OF MY INTERNSHIP, I BEGAN TO MAKE THE SAME CON-

NECTIONS THAT I HAD FIGURED

OUT BETWEEN FEMINISM AND MILITARISM, WITH YOUTH LIBERATION AND MILITARISM. AS KIDS, WE HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO WORK AGAINST THE WAYS THAT THE MILITARY TARGETS US AS FUEL FOR ITS WAR MACHINE. WE KNOW THE MILITARY DOESN’T GIVE A SHIT ABOUT YOUTH, DOESN’T LOVE US LIKE THE WARM AND FUZZY “DID-IT-FOR-MS.-



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# PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST?

BY JIM RIDE

While travelling this summer, I found myself at the annual radical theater festival that Bread and Puppet puts on. Out of the 20,000 people there, about 15 attended a workshop to learn about the political situation in Iraq

I didn't really know much about what was going on in Iraq. I mean, I had that kind of general knowledge an anarchist always assumes, that the US was doing something horrific over there, but I didn't know anything specific or have any concrete knowledge of what the Iraqi people were like. What language do they speak? What's their history? What do they eat? In the presentation given that night, I learned at least the answer to that last question: these days, not much.

The young man who stepped in front of us to speak that night, began by clearing his throat, looking straight up at us, and saying, *"In the past 8 years, more than a million people have starved to death in Iraq. America has forced sanctions on that country that are killing all of its people off with mal-*

*nutrition and sickness; and right now, the very young and very old are dying the fastest."*

The speaker's story was pretty powerful. He had been an apolitical, military-minded young man, so he happily went to fight in the Gulf War when that came around. What he saw and did in Iraq changed his life forever. He had been in combat, and was disgusted and horrified with the things they were forced to do there. The US army did everything from repeatedly bombing civilians, to firing on retreating troops, to bulldozing thousands of Iraqis alive. He saw his army repeatedly break every Geneva Convention agreement, every code of morality, every basic rule of humanity in it's mad urge to destroy and murder. What's more, he saw the results of these actions, millions of dead, innocent human beings.

When he got back home from the war, he tried talking to the press or politicians about what he had seen and asked why wasn't it being reported to the public. But everyone stonewalled him. None of them wanted to hear about what had really happened to



the Iraqis. These experiences radicalized this guy, and apparently from that day on he's joined the ranks of those humane few who have been tirelessly fighting for the cause of the Iraqi people. Whose troubles, by the way, did not end when the US stopped dropping bombs on them.

He went on to talk about what the Iraqis have been through since the war ended. Apparently, the US has felt compelled to keep slaughtering Iraqis even during peacetime. We forced the UN to install a complete economic embargo on Iraq. That means, nothing gets in, nothing gets out. Under a pretense of keeping Saddam from rebuilding his army, the US has kept Iraq completely cut off from the rest of the world.

There's a whole host of torturous conditions being visited upon every segment of Iraqi society today. For instance, the US destroyed Iraq's sewers and water treatment plants when we bombed them. So the Iraqis have no drinkable water, and their streets are lined deep with raw sewage. This leads to enormous health problems, and because no medicine is allowed into the country, if you get sick in Iraq you are nearly certain to die. Essentially, every single resource and piece of infrastructure necessary for their society's life has been destroyed and kept from repair by the sanctions. From malnutrition to cholera to cancer, the Iraqis are dying a million deaths (well, 1.5 million to be specific) and the US is causing all of them.

There are no pencils or textbooks in the schools. The schools are often missing walls as well (you can thank our bombers for eliminating such "strategic threats" as their schools and orphanages), as are many buildings in Iraq. The hospitals do not even have basic medical supplies, and have close to zero percent survival rates for many treatable illnesses. There is no transportation. There are no social services. The basic flow of society has been completely stopped, replaced by a powerless people desperately trying to survive. There is very little food. And there is very little hope.

During the presentation given to us that night, the speaker told us all of those disturbing facts and gave an in-depth explanation of why it is happening, and why there is so little mention of it in the press. Now, the situation is very complex, and I don't

really have space to explain all of it here. But I will try to answer a few of the biggest questions that I had when I first heard this almost unbelievably information.

#### **Why is the United States doing this?**

There are a lot of different possible reasons. But one thing is for sure; even the United States wouldn't cause this much death and anguish without a powerful motive. For starters, the US obviously wants to cripple Iraq permanently. Before the Gulf War, Iraq was becoming a dominant power in the Middle East; and having a country that is hostile to American interests become powerful in such an area could be troublesome. And don't forget about the good ol' black gold. The worse things get for the Iraqis, the more the oil prices go up over here; which benefits our oil corporations immensely. Lastly, it's possible that the US is so set on starving the Iraqis to death because we've already painted them as such enemies to our safety, that any move by any politician to support their right to life would be political suicide.

#### **Why doesn't our media adequately cover this issue?**

Well, the media doesn't sell well by giving in-depth, sensible coverage of the important issues facing humanity; they sell well by bombarding us with hysterical yellow journalism about the madman Saddam Hussein. Also, there's a well documented, consistent history of extreme prejudice against Arabs in our media; it's no large wonder that you won't see Sally Struthers crying over a malnourished child's body if it came from a Middle Eastern enemy country.

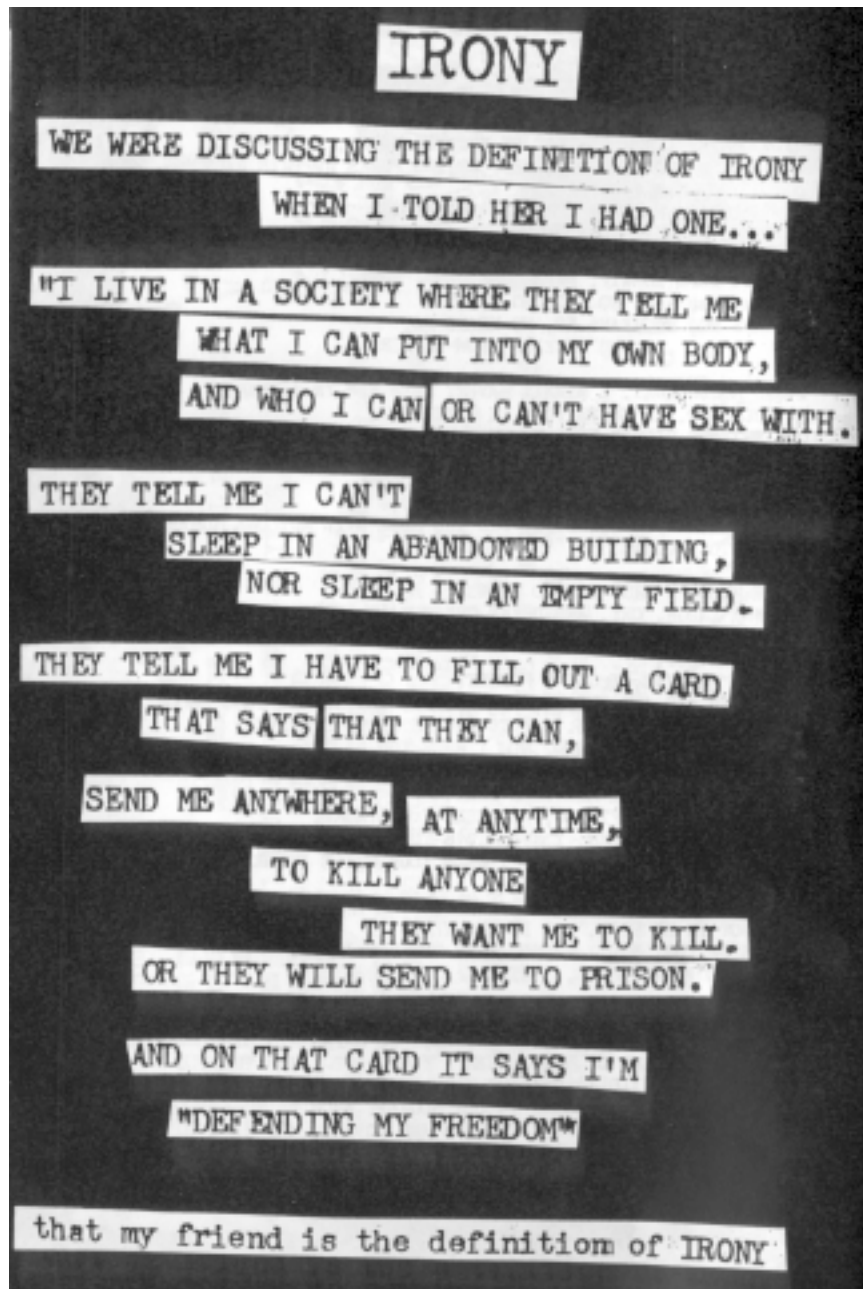
#### **What can we do?**

Ah, the most important question. And sadly, the one I have the least answer for. There is little activism going on around the Iraq issue today. In some cities there are people organizing small, sparsely attended demonstrations against these sanctions, or holding vigils on street corners. There was a letter circulating in Congress, urging Clinton to de-link the economic sanctions from the military ones; but that letter has already gone to the Prez, with no more than 50 signatures on

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## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ABOUT DRAFT REGISTRATION

Although the threat of the draft is over, draft registration is still very real and draft dodging still very punishable. So, to clear up any confusion and to answer common questions... here is some info that'll help you make the right decisions.

### **I'm turning 18. What do I have to do?**

If you're male and a U.S. resident, whether or not you are a citizen, you're required to register with the Selective Service System within thirty days of your 18th birthday. On the registration form, available at your local post office, you'll be asked for your personal identification and residency info and signature. You won't be asked if

you're a conscientious objector: you'd have to tell them that yourself (see below for details).



### **Is a draft likely?**

In a word, no. By targeting low-income youth with a high-pressure sales pitch and inflated promises, the military has kept up its supply of ground troops. And the pentagon now relies heavily on the Reserve and National Guard, mobilizing such units in every deployment. The Selective Service, on the other hand, is set up for the sort of massive long-term war that hasn't happened since Vietnam- and even then the Pentagon doesn't expect to propose a new draft.

### **What if I choose not to register?**

So, you've avoided the military in all ways possible; hung up on recruiters and attended as many peace rallies as possible. So why in the world should you put your name in line for a future, massive military action? Only one reason, and that's because it's the law!!!

If you don't register you are violating the law, although you are not likely to be prosecuted. Failure to register is a federal offence: if prosecuted and convicted, you could face up to five years' imprisonment and a \$250,000 fine. If you refuse to register with Selective Service, you'll receive some intimidating, almost threatening letters informing you that your name has been turned over to the Department of Justice for possible prosecution. But no worries, no one has actually been formally charged since 1986.

*However, you do become ineligible for federal aid.*

If you don't register you won't be able to receive federal student aid, federal job training or civil service employment (anywhere from the Post Office to the Park Service). Some college financial aid officers will help you seek alternative aid or

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## COMPULSORY EDUCATION SERVES THE FLAG IT FLIES

by an ex-student

Patriotism, Militarism, Capitalism and compulsory schools, how do they all relate? Schools are so often criticized by students for their lack of freedom and abuse of authority, but it is not often that these criticisms are accurately directed. Students seldom realize the motifs of their curriculum and how it perpetuates the violence of the current system of domination, how it has been doing so for as long as they've been forced to attend.

What's the first thing done in public schools? Most of us spent every morning with our hands on our chests facing a flag, pledging our allegiance in unison to the United States. In most all classrooms you are told to do so whether you like it or not, even children too young to understand it's meaning. That pledge becomes awfully symbolic as to how you will spend the next 6-8 hours of your day, and how you will be conditioned to spend the remainder of your life.

How else is patriotism and nationalism fostered in youth, besides forcing it into them before they are able to question or reject it? The most blatant example points in the direction of the history textbook. What kind of things do our history courses focus on? What do they ignore or omit? How much is outright lies? These questions have been researched in detail by James W. Loewen in his book *Lies My Teacher Told Me*. American History uses heroification of certain people's lives and activities to create admirable leaders and omit others whose action would not be consistent with the "American Way." Examples of this might be the fact that "hero" Woodrow Wilson, known as a progressive leader, was a white supremacist who personally vetoed a clause for racial equality in the Covenant of the League of Nations, and that inspirational

story of Helen Keller almost always omits the part of her life that became devoted to the socialist cause, her membership with the 'radical' I.W.W. union, and her criticism of the violence of Capitalism. What other reason for this than nurturing national pride, even if it is based on half-truths.

Before I leave the topic of history in school, it's also important to recognize the effects it has on students and the general population. Along with fostering false national pride, history's biggest flaw, it's crime against humanity in its failure to explain its relevance to the present. School history courses have a tendency to study soap-opera type objective historical information, going into ridiculous amounts of detail. However, chapters dealing with labor, Anarchist, Feminist, etc. struggles are skimmed so briefly or entirely deleted. It doesn't seem like a coincidence that as we are fed an apathetic, half-truth version of history, the masses remain complacent and apathetic.

We live in a profit based (capitalist) society. What we are being prepared for in school is joining the competitive world of "Free Enterprise." This will reflect in many classes. In the *TEENAGE LIBERATION HANDBOOK*, the author Grace Llewellyn warns us not to be "brain-washed by the ... misguided emphasis on science and math education." She says "their goal is that American schools will produce an average population that knows more science and math than any other country's average population. This goal is based on a dangerous, narrow sense of economic competition: its much more likely to lead to an unbalanced, neurotic society than to any life-sustaining technological breakthroughs ... Your government will be spending lots of

money in the next few years to push school students to believe that science and math are Gods that can fix anything. They're not." How about your economics classes? Anyone else go to Enterprize Village in 5th grade? Industrial capitalism doesn't need you enlightened, creative or free. It needs you working and it seems that most often where you work and your position is going to be determined by your social status more than your level of intelligence or skill. Schools do a great job of preparing us for the "Real World," where your money is more important than your mind. Tests teach us to strive for someone else's standards. Grades keep us struggling for status rather than knowledge. Thanks to compulsory schooling, we have a nice smooth transition from grade slavery to wage slavery.

Militarism. Surely we don't expect peace as a product of capitalism and blind patriotism. Besides, we're #1, right? U.S.A., land of the free. How else are we going to defend the American way of life? Most of us don't buy that crap. The less military the better off we'd be. But despite the efforts of groups such as the CCCO, schools are continually infiltrated by military propaganda: glossy pamphlets offering opportunities to those who see no other option. Often students of lower class status are targeted because they are easily intimidated into feeling that without good grades, they will be unsuccessful and unhappy. Since most students learn about the military from recruiters, dramatic war movies and propagandized television, they're getting only part of the story. Once again, their education is being shortchanged.

Hopefully by now, it is clear that education isn't first priority in school, that ulterior motives exist, history books heroify certain figures and events and omit others based on national pride. Math and science are stressed subjects so the U.\$.

can competitively (violently) maintain power. Economics teaches us industrial capitalism is the way to success. But what about other classes? The ones that are fun, ones that teach creativity or cultural diversity? There are either replaced by computer courses or the first to go with budget cuts. Education advocates still beg for funding while the military maintains its bloated budget.

So what exactly am I suggesting? If you are interested in peace, social justice, freedom or simply learning, compulsory school is not the place for you. There are other ways. Let's find them.

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This article is a summary of the booklet *CODE OF STUDENT RESISTANCE*. Send some stamps to PO Box 17838, Clearwater, FL 34622 for a copy. It's got 36 pgs. of writing and pictures, designed to encourage revolt against school and all industrial collapse. Check out books by John Holt, Grace Llewellyn, John Taylor Gatto, Jonothan Kozol, Matt Hern...Go to the library, Fool!





## IT COULD BE WORSE (you could be in the Army)

Consider the following excerpt from the Code of Federal Regulations, Vol. 21, Ch. 1, subpart B-- Informed Consent of Human Subjects (4/1/95 ed.):

*"(d) (1) The Commissioner may also determine that obtaining informed consent is not feasible when the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health Affairs) requests such a determination in connection with the use of an investigational drug ... in a specific protocol ... sponsored by the Department of Defense (DOD). DOD's request for a determination that obtaining informed consent from military personnel is not feasible must be limited to a specific military operation involving combat or the immediate threat of combat."*

A long litany of procedural guidelines follows, but the point being made here is that a loophole exists that is just about wide enough to march an army through, and that the regulation is reassigning the status of "vulnerable population" when it should be protecting the vulnerable from being used as human guinea pigs without their genuine informed consent in drug research.

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# REINA AVEJA

Nope, yer not dreaming. I know this interview is pretty riveting, but there is no need to jump up and down, scream and shout, and run around naked (although these four ladies from Gainesville do seem to cause excitement whenever they're around)! Well, time to calm ourselves down and get started with Florida's coolest all-queen bee hardcore band **REINA AVEJA**.

***JP**-Ok, here goes. Let's begin with introductions...give your name, what instrument you play and any irrelevantly fascinating fact you'd like to share.*

**Margaret Briggs-Arroyo** - guitar and drums, "I aspire to spread the gospel of natural health."

**Jen Roberts** - vocals, "I've overcome alot of fears I never thought I'd overcome."

**Jessica Mills** - bass, "I got my first period on April Fools Day 1983 while Spring Breaking on the beach. More importantly, however, is that my sweetheart and I eloped on September 16, 1998, in Bozeman, Montana."

**Becky Torres** - drums and guitar, "heavy+music+women=inspiration"

***JP**- How did Reina Aveja come together?*

Margaret and Becky decided that they were in need of rocking together after knowing and respecting each other as musicians for three

years. Jen, who used to play in a band with Becky two years prior, had just moved back into town, so Margaret and Becky grabbed her and with the aid of two other male friends, they formed the band Squat for a year before the boys called it quits. This left Becky, Margaret, and Jen to look for replacements. After searching for a couple of months and deciding to make the band a four-piece, Jessica came into the picture. Jessica, who had been one of the Gainesville Squat's biggest fans, traded in her sax, and purchased a bass specifically to join this band. The ladies decided that with the new lineup must come a new name. Thus, Reina Aveja was formed in Fall 1997.

***JP**- Would you describe yourselves as revolutionaries, activists, or just personally political? If so, please describe views, worthwhile struggles, latest endeavors .*

**Jen** - "I'd like to be able to express myself freely and not be judged, as I don't think anyone should be judged for that."

**Jessica** - "Collectively, an all female band is inherently political. My personal lifestyle choice is that I have involved myself in things that are considered radical, i.e. Food Not Bombs, Pirate Radios, and zine culture."

**Becky** - "I feel in my own way that what I do and believe in is revolutionary because radical change is so desperately needed, although seldom accomplished on a large scale. We continue to learn the hard way."

**Margaret** - "If we have any message, it would be for people everywhere to question everything and follow their hearts."

**JP** - *What does it mean to RA to be an all female 'hardcore' band with such a strong, hard-hitting sound? In other words, do you think you are intimidating to the patriarchal aspects of the "scene?"*

**Jessica** - "Unfortunately, I feel the opposite of intimidation happens among males in the audience who aren't schooled in the way of gender equality. On several occasions I have felt as if some have attached their own novelty to this all female 'hardcore' band. They are definitely challenged. But on a personal level, it's more than just a band to me. Especially at practice I feel as if it's serving a purpose of providing a non-threatening all female space where we learn from each other and discuss and inspire each other. It's powerful."

**Jen** - "We encourage the freedom of expression for everyone who comes to see us play. And I also think we encourage those people to throw their fears to the wind."

**Becky** - "I just think that it's special to be in a band with three other cool women who want to play the same music that I want to play. It's unfortunate that the music I enjoy listening the most is fueled predominantly by men. The only thing that says about women is that there needs to be more encouragement to do whatever comes natural. If that means beating the shit out of your instruments, I say hell yes sister!

**JP** - *What are RA's strengths and weaknesses? How do you envision the band's future? What directly influences your music and views?*

**Jessica** - "Our strengths are also our weaknesses. For instance, one weak point is

that we are unable to dedicate all of our time to the band because we have families, commitments, and needs for personal growth in areas outside of the rock diva world, which is also a strength because we are, as a result, well rounded, multifaceted people and not just single-tracked rockers."

**Momma Margaret** - "The plight of women everywhere is to nurture the children, feed the families, guide the men, and rock the world. It ain't easy!"

**Jessica** - "But I am looking forward to the near future which involves touring, recording an album and putting that record out."

**Becky** - "The focus is now, not what the future might bring. We share the need to rock out all the frustrations and bullshit, at the same time growing both as musicians and as women."

**Margaret** - "Our strongest point is that we come from very different backgrounds musically, but when we bring our various styles and mutual respect together, they meld into one that we feel is unique."

**JP** - *Have any personal rants or experiences with militarism you'd like to share?*

**Jessica** - "I believe that militarism and the propaganda spewed upon the masses to promote nationalistic (BLIND) patriotism is seriously ingrained and done so in very calculated ways. I would argue that it does spread misogyny; the enforcement of gender-specific roles are quite obvious and condescending."

*Lots of rowdy thanks to Reina Aveja for being so rad and for being themselves!*

If you'd like to reach RA to sing praise or shower them with gifts and grace, write to them @ Reina Aveja c/o Yard Wide Yarns PO Box 12839 Gainesville, FL 32604

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FISHER- WHO-NEVER-LET-ME-SETTLE-FOR-A-C" RECRUITMENT ADS ON TV WOULD HAVE US BELIEVE. THE MILITARY HATES KIDS AS MUCH AS IT HATES WOMEN, PEOPLE OF COLOR, THE POOR- AS MUCH AS IT HATES ALL GROUPS THAT ARE SEPARATED FROM THE POWER STRUCTURE THAT ALLOWS THE MILITARY TO SLAUGHTER IN THE NAME OF RACIST ECONOMIC INTERESTS. YOUTH ARE ONLY RECRUITED BECAUSE THE MILITARY SEES US AS DISPOSABLE (PARTICULARLY POOR KIDS AND KIDS OF COLOR), WHETHER THEY ARE USED TO STOP BULLETS OR AS CHEAP COLLATERAL FOR AMERICA'S DEBTS, OFFERED UP FOR OIL OR POLITICAL POINTS.

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THE WAY THAT I CURRENTLY CHOOSE TO WORK AGAINST MILITARISM IS AS A COORDINATOR FOR THE STUDENT COALITION RESISTING ENLISTMENT AND MILITARISM (SCREAM). SCREAM IS A PROGRAM OF THE CCCO AND WAS FOUNDED TWO YEARS AGO BY MYSELF AND THE OTHER YOUTH INTERN AT THAT TIME, ORIANA. WE FOUNDED SCREAM BECAUSE WE DIDN'T FEEL LIKE THERE WAS A REAL PLACE FOR YOUTH TO BE ACTIVE IN THE PEACE MOVEMENT THROUGH DIRECT ACTION. WE DO EVERYTHING FROM PUTTING OUT AWOL, TO CREATING AND DIS-

TRIBUTING LITERATURE TO BE USED IN SCHOOLS TO COUNTER MILITARY LIES, TO DOING PRESENTATIONS IN SCHOOLS ACROSS THE COUNTRY, TO BEING THERE EVERY TIME A MILITARY RECRUITING VAN OR RECRUITING FAIR COME'S TO SOMEBODY'S LOCAL SCHOOL TO PASS OUT LITERATURE CREATED BY KIDS FOR KIDS. WE HAVE STICKERS, BUTTONS, AWOL, FLIERS-FLIERS-FLIERS, A SUMMER YOUTH INTERNSHIP PROGRAM, AND 400 KIDS FROM AROUND THE COUNTRY THAT TAKE THE STRUGGLE AGAINST MILITARISM INTO THEIR OWN COMMUNITIES.

BECAUSE WE HAVE TO DO THE WORK AND BECAUSE NO ONE ELSE IS GOING TO DO IT FOR US, WE PUT ENERGY, CREATIVITY, ANGER, LOVE, A WHOLE LOTTA SHIT WORK, AND TIME INTO FREEING OUR COMMUNITIES FROM THE DEATH-GRIP OF MILITARISM. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO GET INVOLVED IN SCREAM OR IF YOU THINK SOME OF THE WORK WE DO COULD FIT INTO STUFF YOU ARE ALREADY DOING OR ORGANIZATIONS YOU'RE INVOLVED WITH, GET IN TOUCH. SCREAM: c/o CCCO, 1515 CHERRY ST., PHILADELPHIA, PA, 19102 (215) 563-8787 or (888) 236-2226 CCCO@LIBERTYNET.ORG



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refundable \$1200 fee just to become eligible for GI Bill benefits, yet less than half of all GIs receive anything at all.

What about the military's claim of economic opportunity and job training? Military job training is applicable to military jobs, not civilian ones; only 12% of male vets and 6% of female vets report using skills learned in the military in their current jobs. Just like JROTC, the military is only an educational/training program in disguise. As former Secretary of Defense Cheney admitted, "The reason to have a military is to be prepared to fight and win wars. That is our basic fundamental mission. The military is not a social welfare agency, it's not a jobs program." Ever notice how many homeless vets there are? According to an estimate from Veterans Administration, 1/3 of the homeless pop. are vets, and at least 20% of Federal and state prisoners are veterans. Roughly half of all JROTC program graduates enter military service. Our public schools should no longer cater to the military's bloodthirsty recruitment quota. JROTC drill, amoral obedience, and passivity have no place in an educational environment.

It is so important for youth to have access to information regarding the truth about the military. It's up to all of us to enforce EQUAL ACCESS. Anytime a public place is used as a forum for a controversial subject, the public place is obligated to allow the other side of the issue to present its case. Both Federal and appellate courts have upheld Equal Access to defend the student's right to get in-

formation on both sides of controversial issues. The military has been formally recognized by the Supreme Court as a controversial subject. So, under the First and Fourteenth Amendments, if JROTC and military recruiters are at your school, you cannot be denied the right to pass out opposing literature!!!

What you can do: get information about getting recruiters out of your school and community from the Student Coalition Resisting Enlistment and Militarism (SCREAM). Flyer, leaflet, bring speakers, videos, and lit into classrooms and above all EDUCATE! All you got to do is call us up here at SCREAM and we'll set you up with all kinds of great stuff to pass out. Talk to other kids about the realities of military life. Pass out AWOLs and make your own lit or engage in some civil disobedience!!!

If you have friends in JROTC, give them the scoop and let them know there are tons of alternatives to college funding and teamwork / leadership programs. JROTC has no proof to back up their claims that their program creates leaders and helps keep students from dropping out of school. A bunch of other programs do, however—check out the list on the next page! When youth become educated about militarism, they open their eyes to corrupt capitalistic agendas and come to the innate conclusion that killing your fellow human being is wrong and unnatural. Empowering youth through information and action could be the most vital first step towards radical change. We all deserve a nonviolent future. Liberation through information.

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**Contrascience #6**- Articles on U\$ prisons, including the first part of an in depth look at the U\$ prison boom. Also articles on Cuba, Minneapolis truckers strike of 1934, interviews with activist/punk teachers, Woodrow Wilson's racist hidden history, timber industry and public land "management" and info on the State's ever escalating arms sales and your tax dollars at work. Definitely worth the price. (\$3ppd, PO Box 8344, Minneapolis, MN 55408-0344)

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"The pioneers of a warless world are the young (women and) men who refuse military training." — Albert Einstein

For more info, or to get involved, contact CCCO at 800 NO-JROTC



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To be a CO, you don't have to believe in God; nor do you have to oppose using violence in personal self-defense. However, under current legal definitions you must oppose participating in *all* wars. Advocates are still fighting for legal recognition of *selective objection*, your right to refuse to fight in specific wars.



## WHY DID I BECOME A CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTOR?

Yo Mizuno

### KILLING MYSELF

Since I was as young eight or nine years old, I have been aware of the horrors of war.

The first time I learned about war was in second grade in Japan when I read a series of comic books called "Barefoot Gen," which is about the dropping of the atomic bomb on Hiroshima, Japan. This story follows the life of Gen, an 8 year old boy who was a survivor of the atomic bomb. When I read the story for the first time, I remember thinking that I could not imagine going through the experiences that Gen went through. At the age of eight, he lost his brother, his sister, and his father. He had to take responsibility for taking care of his mother who was pregnant and ill due to malnutrition. His peaceful world was wiped away in one flash as he watched it turn to hell. The comic book was very graphic and told what happened when the bomb was dropped: how people were sandwiched in their houses, how broken glass flew into people and stuck all over their bodies, and how the whole city of Hiroshima had caught on fire. When I read this, I hoped that the atomic bomb would never be dropped and that I would never be involved in war.

After reading "Barefoot Gen," I had many dreams about the bomb. I dreamt the bomb was dropped in my city and my house had collapsed. I remember kicking and kicking but couldn't get out. It was hot and the weight of the house was heavy; I wanted to escape but there was nothing I

could do. When I woke up I was so relieved it was all a dream, but I knew that was the feeling millions of people had when the bomb was dropped.

When I was nine years old I went to Okinawa, Japan, where for the first time in my life I saw real military bases and warships. I was afraid because I thought all the things used for war had been destroyed after what had happened in Hiroshima and Nagasaki. From what I had known to that point, I thought Japan had rebuilt itself after WWII. I knew there were still some remains from the bombing damage, but the cities were rebuilt. I found large remains of the war in Okinawa, as if the war had never ended. People were still in constant fear of the soldiers.

There is more behind my reason for becoming a conscientious objector than my fear of future wars. I don't think it is possible for me to kill another human being. Not only is it against my morals, but if I was ordered to kill a person I simply would not be able to do it.

I am a person who, by nature puts myself in other people's shoes. I would imagine if it were me being killed and what that would feel like. In every movie I watch, every novel I read, and every story I hear, I put myself in the role of others. I feel everyone else's problems are my problems too. That's why I could never kill anyone because it would be as if I were killing myself.



## CREDITS

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This issue's awesome cover is by Jeff Wilson who also does a comic. For more info, e-mail him @ greenalley@aol.com. The back page graphic is by Robert Gale—thank you thank you!

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The incredible AWOL stickers were done by the

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it. Meanwhile, some groups have been organizing planes full of medical supplies to go into Iraq, in violation of the embargo, and while this has been a real good start for action it's not a very accessible option to most of us. So what can we do?

You can always start telling your friends, family, everyone you know; but in terms of significant opportunities to seriously fight the murderous sanctions against Iraq—I may not know, but we have to start somewhere. And we have to start immediately. Every month that this situation continues, 1500 more kids die. And it's getting worse. So get out there on the street, make leaflets, organize a protest. Sure that's a lot of work, but between church groups, Muslim associations, political factions and concerned citizens I bet there are enough people out there that some huge protests could be mobilized.

We've got to be like that guy who made the presentation to a dozen of us at Bread and Puppet. He may have just been speaking to a dozen kids, but he spoke with a conviction and anger about it that made the dozen of us that angry too. When there's a Holocaust going on, either the citizens of the country responsible put an end to it or 6 million people die. We're already nearly a third of the way to the latter. So we better start being all we can be for true peace in the middle east.

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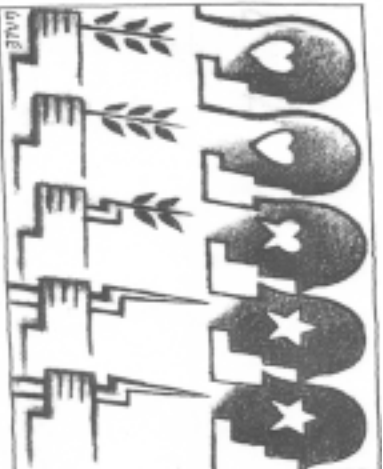


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\_\_\_ Financing College Without Joining the Military

\_\_\_ Joining the Military is Hazardous to... (general leaflet)

\_\_\_ ...Your Education

\_\_\_ ...Your Future

\_\_\_ ...Women

\_\_\_ You Can Stay Free of the Military and Still Find...

\_\_\_ How We Know About Recruiting

\_\_\_ If You Change Your Mind...Getting Out of the Delayed Enlistment Program Fact Sheet

\_\_\_ Delayed Enlistment Program brochure (\$4)

\_\_\_ AWOL! Youth for Peace and Revolution #3 (by-youth, for-youth 'zine) \$.50 but free to youth

### **Tools for Activists**

\_\_\_ Military Out of Our Schools Strategies for Action

\_\_\_ Are Your Students Getting A Balanced Education About the Military? (Fact sheet on equal access)

\_\_\_ Military Adventure Vans Fact Sheet

\_\_\_ Great Lakes Recruiting Cruise Fact Sheet

\_\_\_ Liberating Military Data: Using the Freedom of Information Act

\_\_\_ Beyond the Press Release: The Media Bracelet

\_\_\_ ASVAB: A Wolf in Sheep's Clothing

\_\_\_ Youth Targeted, Youth Fight Back: The Objector Fall 1999 (\$1)

\_\_\_ Voices of Third World Resistance: The Objector Spring 1998 (\$1)

\_\_\_ Don't Believe the Hype: Doing the Work Where It Counts the Most

\_\_\_ Camera-Ready Delayed Enlistment Program Ads

\_\_\_ GI Rights Hotline Business Cards (units of 50)

### **Questioning JROTC**

\_\_\_ JROTC Doesn't Deliver — But We Can!

\_\_\_ Why Question the Military's JROTC Program?

\_\_\_ JROTC Promotes Violence

\_\_\_ Pentagon Decisions Override Local School Boards

\_\_\_ JROTC Textbooks Are Biased and Bigoted

\_\_\_ JROTC Discriminates

\_\_\_ JROTC Is a Recruiting Program for Dead-End Military Jobs

\_\_\_ Teach Peace, Not War

\_\_\_ Trading Books for Soldiers Flyer (free)

### **Other Neat Stuff**

\_\_\_ Questions and Answers About Draft Registration

\_\_\_ 50 Years of Resistance: The Objector Fall 1998 (\$1)

\_\_\_ Choosing Peace: A Handbook for War, Peace and Your Conscience (\$4)

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